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BORDER PATROL CANINE “HEIDI” LAID TO REST AFTER DISTINGUISHED CAREER

San Diego, California – Brownfield Station canine, “Heidi” was laid to rest yesterday morning after a brief battle with advanced cancer. Heidi had served the Border Patrol with her partner, Agent Bruce Roberts, since March of 1996. During her service with the Border Patrol, Heidi was responsible for:

- The detection of 147 concealed undocumented migrants.
- Seizures of more than 2,600 pounds of marijuana with a street value of more than \$1.9 million.
- Seizures of more than \$70,000 in narcotics tainted U.S. currency.

More importantly, canine Heidi and Agent Roberts were an integral part of the San Diego Sector DARE (Drug awareness, Reduction, and Education program), Recruiting, and the Community Relations programs. They participated in numerous community events contributing greatly to the Border Patrol’s relationship with the general public. Heidi became so well known among the local schools that she was often requested specifically to participate in local events.

Canine Heidi will be sorely missed by the San Diego Sector and the community at large.